PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Guyton P. SWINDELL, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/607,646

Confirmation No.: 2684

Filed: June 27, 2003

Docket No: A8973

Group Art Unit: 3729

Examiner: Thiem D. PHAN

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TAUT SHEATH SPLICING OF ALL-DIELECTRIC, SELF-SUPPORTING FIBER OPTIC CABLE

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

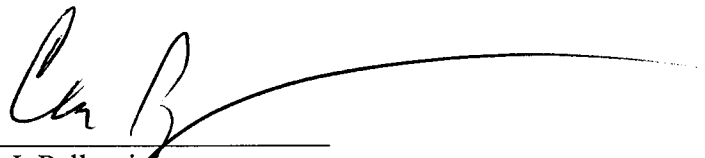
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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated July 17, 2008, Appellant submits that the Appeal Brief filed on February 28, 2008 is responsive to the decision of Examiner Thiem D. Phan, Group Art Unit 3729 in the Final Office Action mailed June 19, 2007, rejecting claims 6-12 and making the rejection FINAL and the Advisory Action dated October 31, 2007.

No fees are believed due but the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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